

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire	)	
District Electric Company's Request	)	<b><u>File No. ER-2016-0023</u></b>
For Authority to Implement a General	)	Tracking No.: YE-2017-0120
Rate Increase for Electric Service	)	

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

**COMES NOW** William Hampton Williams II, Assistant Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following *Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel*:

1. Effective February 6, 2017, I have resigned my position in the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office. At this time, I am listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel, because I will no longer be part of the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office.

2. The Commission's Staff will continue to be represented by Staff Counsel assigned to the case.

**WHEREFORE**, I respectfully submit this *Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Hampton Williams**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

**/s/ Hampton Williams**